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### Office of Community and Partnerships

Please keep us informed of your community engagement activities and initiatives so we can help heighten awareness of this important aspect of the University's operations.

**Contact:**  
The Community Relations Coordinator on Ext. 3110 or email [community@uow.edu.au](mailto:community@uow.edu.au)

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## Inaugural 'Celebrating Community' Function and Awards

A celebration of community service took place at the University last Friday evening at a function hosted by the Chancellor Mr Michael Codd, AC.

Over 140 people attended the inaugural event including: volunteers who work at the University's Science Centre or Alumni second-hand bookshop, those involved in the Medical School's Volunteer Patient Program, those who give up their time to serve on University committees, and those who help raise funds to support University cancer research.

The 'Celebrating Community' function also included the presentation of the **2007 Chancellor's Awards for Achievement in Community Service**.

Awarded for the first time this year, the Awards recognise the many and varied ways people are acting to support the University and their community. The Awards also recognise the service activity of individuals and groups in the local community as well as UOW alumni who are working tirelessly to enrich their local communities through voluntary community service.

There were two award categories, each carrying a \$2000 prize, one for alumni (graduates) of the University and one for general community members or groups.

**Paul Wand** was named winner of the alumni category for his significant long-term commitment and contribution to disadvantaged Indigenous communities across Australia. During his career in mining and manufacturing, he has been regarded as one of the country's pioneers in the field of assisting



organisations to build respectful and mutually beneficial relations with Aboriginal communities across Australia and to meet their corporate responsibilities in this sensitive area.

The **Illawarra Cancer Carers** were named the winner of the community category for their tireless support of cancer patients and their families in the Illawarra since 1991. In addition, since 2005 the group has donated more than \$270,000 to the University, allowing researchers to make significant progress and advancements in the search for an effective formulation for anti-cancer therapy. **CN**

*Above: Pictured at the Celebrating Community function are (l to r): UOW Chancellor Mr Michael Codd AC, Mr John Morris President Illawarra Cancer Carers, Mr Rex Saunders ex-President Illawarra Cancer Carers, Mr Paul Wand and UOW Vice-Chancellor Professor Gerard Sutton.*

## Public Lecture - SMH's Ross Gittins

The Annual Economic and Society Policy Public Lecture will be presented this year by Mr Ross Gittins, Economics Editor of the Sydney Morning Herald. The lecture title is "**Can old economists learn new tricks?**"

Date: Friday, 19 October 2007

Time: 12:30pm to 1:30pm

Venue: Function Rooms 2 & 3 UniCentre

Website: <http://www.uow.edu.au/commerce/econ/>

Contact: Lesley Simes [lsimes@uow.edu.au](mailto:lsimes@uow.edu.au)

Free Public Lecture - All welcome

## The social costs of national security

**A free all-day workshop open to all UOW staff, students and the public will be held on Monday October 29 covering the broad theme of the social implications of national security.**

The main workshop sponsors are the Research Network for a Secure Australia and UOW's Centre for Transnational Crime Prevention. The program chair is Dr Katina Michael with Holly Tootell as Program Co-Chair and Dr M.G. Michael as the co-editor of proceedings. All are from UOW's Faculty of Informatics.

The title of the workshop is "From Dataveillance to Überveillance and the Realpolitik of the Transparent Society". The workshop will focus on the theme of the transparent society. What is the cost of security that citizens are prepared to pay? Will surveillance technology force us to choose between our right to privacy and national security?

Dr Katina Michael said the workshop will delve deeper into some of the critical issues facing technology innovation and adoption, government policy, and the legal and regulatory framework behind this social-political **landscape**. Presenters for the workshop come from diverse backgrounds including legal firms, government agencies, academic institutions across Australia and individuals from the business sector.

Workshop venue and date: Function Centre, UniCentre, University of Wollongong, Monday 29 October

To register email Dr Katina Michael at [katina@uow.edu.au](mailto:katina@uow.edu.au). The free registration includes morning/afternoon tea, buffet lunch and copy of proceedings.

For further information contact Katina on (02) 4221 3937 or visit the following website <http://www.homelandsecurity.org.au/events.html> **CN**.

## Regional Science Fair to showcase school students' science skills

**The Illawarra Coal Regional Science Fair will be held on Monday 29 October in the University Hall at UOW.**

It is a unique opportunity for primary and high school students from the South Coast, Illawarra, Southern Sydney, Campbelltown, Southern Highlands and surrounds to research a topic of interest and showcase their findings to expert judges from across Sydney and Wollongong.

By participating, students develop lifelong skills in both critical thinking and communication and have the opportunity to win prizes. A highlight of this year's Science Fair will be a talk by

**Arron Wood, the 2007 Prime Minister's Environmentalist of the Year Award Winner, on the Duck Pond Lawn at 1:30pm.**

For further information on the Science Fair, to volunteer as a judge or to RSVP for the Launch, please contact Melissa Thompson, Faculty of Science. Phone 4221 3512, email [melissa@uow.edu.au](mailto:melissa@uow.edu.au) or visit <http://www.uow.edu.au/science/regionalsciencefair/>

Proudly supported by: Illawarra Coal, University of Wollongong, Faculty of Science, Pfizer Australia, ANSTO, Illawarra Mercury, Mister Ply&Wood. **CN**

## Staff Profile

### David Fuller

Director, Innovation Campus and University Developments



### Why is community engagement important?

Simply because the UOW has so much to offer our various communities, we can be the anchors of regional innovation systems, the providers of lifelong learning opportunities, partners in regional economic development & promoters of sustainable development strategies.

### Lessons for working with local communities:

- Be proactive.
- Work at trust.
- Develop a culture of learning and an attitude of cooperation.

### Community Engagement activities:

I have a passion for regional development and have worked extensively with local communities and partners to establish UOW centres at Bega, Batemans Bay, Nowra, Moss Vale and Loftus; and more recently the Innovation Campus in Wollongong. I have also worked recently on the establishment of the Shoalhaven Marine and Freshwater Centre and the Shoalhaven Wellness Centre.

- Deputy Chair - UOW's Community Engagement Committee
- Wollongong Science Centre Board Member
- Director - Illawarra Business Chamber
- Councillor - Australian Property Council - Illawarra Region
- Member - Wollongong Economic Development Taskforce
- Member - Shoalhaven Business Forum
- President - Australian New Zealand Regional Science Association International
- Executive Council - Australian Technology Park and Incubators Association

For those with an interest in understanding the regional contributions of Universities, the OECD has just released a report that I recommend you read. <http://www.oecd.org/dataoecd/55/7/37006775.pdf>

If you are interested in being featured in the **Staff Profile**, contact [community@uow.edu.au](mailto:community@uow.edu.au)

## 2007 promises to be the BIGGEST Pinkest BREAKFAST ever!!!!

**You** can help turn the campus pink at the **5th Pink Ribbon Breakfast at UOW** in support of the National Breast Cancer Foundation.

Last year more than 250 people attended what organisers described as Illawarra's largest 'pink ribbon' breakfast. The breakfast was held at the University as part of an overall campaign to raise breast cancer awareness and help fund research.

Around 13,000 women and 100 men will be diagnosed with breast cancer in Australia this year, according to figures from the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare.

Event organiser, Holly Tootell said that last year UOW raised about \$2,800 on behalf of the National Breast Cancer Foundation, but that this year with the move to the Uni Hall they are hoping to double the number of people attending and raise \$15,000.

Staff, students, graduates and members of the community are invited to attend the breakfast to be held from **7:30am on Friday 31st October**.

A hot and cold breakfast will be served with entertainment, auctions and all things **PINK**.

To book a seat at the fundraising breakfast or to book a table of 10 visit [http://www.uow.edu.au/conferences/breast\\_cancer\\_foundation\\_2007/index.html](http://www.uow.edu.au/conferences/breast_cancer_foundation_2007/index.html). **CN**



Above: 2006 Breakfast participants awarded the title of the 'Pinkest Table'

## Memorial garden acknowledges body donors

The University paid tribute to participants of its Body Donation Program with a Ceremony of Appreciation and the inauguration of a memorial garden at Lakeside Memorial Park on 8 October 2007.

UOW launched the program because of increasing demand for anatomy studies with the opening of the Graduate School of Medicine earlier this year. Program coordinator Darryl McAndrew told attendees that

already 27 people have donated their bodies for medical science research while a further 146 have joined the register.

"This has been a wonderful response, and without this kind of support we couldn't operate," Mr McAndrew said.

Speaking at the Ceremony, which was attended by the families of donors and those who have joined the program,

UOW Vice-Chancellor Professor Gerard Sutton said the University was deeply grateful to the people who made the decision to join the register, and their families who supported them.

Read more at <http://media.uow.edu.au/news/UOW038183.html>

For more information on the Body Donation program, contact Darryl McAndrew on (02) 4221 5143. **CN**



Above: Invocare Chief Executive Officer Richard Davis and UOW Vice-Chancellor Prof Gerard Sutton unveil the plaque in the Body Donation Program memorial garden at Lakeside Memorial Park

## Indigenous Art Works on Display

The Faculty of Creative Arts is proud to present an exhibition of works from the Ngaruwanajirri Art Centre on Bathurst Island. This exhibition is on display in the FCA Gallery, at the University of Wollongong from 8 to 26 October.

**What:** Ngaruwanajirri  
**Curated by** Sue Blanchfield

**Where:** FCA Gallery, Room 112, Building 25,

**When:** 9am-5pm Mondays to Fridays 8-26 October

**Opening at 12:30pm on Thursday 11 October.**

The exhibition will be opened by Professor Kathleen Clapham from the Woolyungah Indigenous Centre at UOW.

All are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served.



## National Ride to Work Day

**Staff and students** at UOW will be taking part in Australia's biggest active workplace event on 17 October 2007. Over 60 000 Australians are expected to participate in the inaugural National Ride to Work Day. ABC Local Radio is the official radio partner in city and regional areas.

You can commit to riding to work on the 17th of October by registering on the national register with the UOW site number which is 153186

This is your opportunity to have a real impact on global warming and reap the health benefits of getting active. Research has shown that 34% of first-time

riders participating in last year's national pilot event were still riding five months later. Ride to Work Day really works!

For assistance with planning your trip or further information on cycling to UOW visit [www.ride2work.com.au](http://www.ride2work.com.au) **CN**



# Upcoming Events

17 October 12:30pm

## Professorial Lecture Series: Professor Price

Professor Will Price from the Faculty of Science will be presenting his work "Phytoestrogens: are they SOY GOOD for you? Adventures with Bioactive Compounds".

Venue: Communications Building 20, Lecture Theatre 2

Contact: Vicky Wallace vwallace@uow.edu.au

18-20 October 7:30pm

## Performance: The Jungle

By Louis Nowra, Directed by Tim Maddock

Performed by Second Year Performance Students

Venue: Bruce Gordon Theatre, Illawarra Performing Arts Centre

Tickets: \$20 Adult / \$15 Groups and Concession, \$10 student rush. Bookings: IPAC 4226 3366

Contact: Tanya Barton tanyab@uow.edu.au

19 October 12:30pm

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Contact: Lesley Simes lsimes@uow.edu.au

25 October 1pm-4pm

## Annual Trade Show and Research Showcase

The School of Computer Science and Software Engineering Annual Tradeshow & Research Showcase highlights a range of innovative projects developed by final year students.

Venue: University Hall

contact: Kathy Lyon lyon@uow.edu.au

25-27 October From 7pm

## Performance: Fewer Emergencies and Oedipus Wrecks

A double billings of two plays Oedipus Rex by Stephen Berkoff, directed by Chris Ryan AND Fewer Emergencies by Martin Crimp, directed by Geordie Brookman.

Performed by Third Year Performance Students

Venue: PACT Youth Theatre, Erskineville

Tickets: Adult (One Show) \$21.50 (Two Shows) \$31.50.

Concession (One Show) \$16.50 (Two Shows) \$26.50

Bookings: [www.mca-tix.com](http://www.mca-tix.com) 1300 306 776

Contact: Tanya Barton tanyab@uow.edu.au

More Events: <http://www.uow.edu.au/events>

# UOW wins National Indigenous Games



The University of Wollongong's Woolyungah Indigenous Centre team has won this year's National Indigenous Tertiary Education Student Games.

UOW also hosted the annual event, which attracted a range of Indigenous sporting celebrities and university students from across the country.

The Games have become a major event in the Indigenous university student calendar that started in 1996 as a joint-class project for 13 students and now attracts hundreds from a range of institutions each year.

The event comprises sport, social events and the sharing of culture.

The Games are made up of four sports – volleyball, touch football, netball and basketball.

All teams are mixed with at least three players competing in each team at any one time. All participants also play a traditional local Indigenous game.

This year, the event's major sponsor was Qantas. Support was also provided by UOW's Woolyungah Indigenous Centre, the Student Health Alliances for Rural Populations (SHARP) and the Wollongong Undergraduate Students' Association (WUSA).

Special guests included:

\* Tony Mundine – father and trainer of World Super Middleweight Champion, Anthony Mundine. Tony was a middleweight contender during the 1970s and during his career held Australian national titles in the Middleweight, Light Heavyweight and Heavyweight divisions.

\* South Sydney Rabbitohs player, Dean Widders, who was recently awarded NRL's Ken Stephen's Medal for his positive work with youth in the community. Dean was also recently appointed to the Federal Government's National Indigenous Council. He has played for the Sydney Roosters and Parramatta Eels.

\* Bo Della Cruz from the Australian Women's Touch Football team.

A range of representatives from UOW, Qantas and the Aboriginal community also attended the opening and closing ceremonies.

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*Above: UOW's winning Woolyungah Indigenous Centre team are pictured with their trophy at the closing ceremony with Dean of Education (far left), Professor Paul Chandler.*